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January 31 33.

My dear Steptoe,

I forward herewith for your information a copy of a detective report regarding the Russian Merchants and Manufacturers Association, No.799 Avenue Joffre.

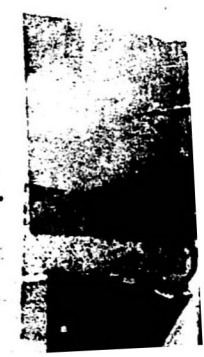
Enclosed

Yours sincerely,

J.P.G.

H. N. Steptoe, Esq.,
British Consulate-General.

See S 9463 re Russian Emigrants Chamber of Commerce



SECRET

January 31 33.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.214 of January 20,1933 on the subject of the Russian Merchants and Manufacturers Association, and to forward herewith a copy of a detective report regarding this organization.

* Enclosed

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Officer i/c Special Branch.

J. Van den Berg, Esq.,
Netherlands Consulate-General.

File No. D 4427.
Special Branch, S.M.P.
February 1933.

Commissioner of Police.
Sir,

Information.

J. P. Guiens
Officer i/c Sp. Br.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

SECTION 2 ~~Division~~

REPORT SECRET

Date January 29, 1933

Subject (in full) Russian Merchants & Manufacturers Association

Made by D.S. Prokofiev *Forwarded by* D.S. Prokofiev

The Russian Merchants and Manufacturers Association was established in July 1932 with offices at No. 799 Avenue Joffre.

Apart from the attempting to unify all local Russian business men into an organization functioning in the lines of a Chamber of Commerce, the Association endeavours :-

1. To establish business relations with all local and foreign commercial, industrial, financial and government institutions.
2. To collect and compile various data of interest to the members of the Association.
3. To organize juridical assistance, such as (a) Arbitration and (b) Counsels for legal cases and experts of every description.
4. To compile a Registry of commercial and industrial enterprises and organizations and to set up for this purpose an office to be called "Bureau of Commercial Information and Addresses."

The membership of the Association is open, subject to the approval of the majority of the Board of Directors, to (a) all Russian owners, partners, directors and managers of commercial and industrial enterprises and firms; (b) Russian owners of firms operated under a foreign flag; and (c) Russians occupying responsible positions with foreign firms and institutions.

The style "Russian" applies to "all persons who were born in Russia, regardless of their present nationality".

The entrance fee is $25.00 and annual subscription is

$60.00. per member.

The Board of Directors consists of the following persons:-

1. V.I. Korniloff — President.
Manager of the Companie Francaise en Chine, 762 Avenue Joffre.

2. M.Y. Lipkovsky — Vice-President.
Owner of the "Siberian Jewellery Store", 82 Nanking Road.

3. M.S. Bloch — Member.
M. Bloch & Co. Ltd., No.1-K Boone Road.

4. A.G. Chibunovsky — do
Chibunovsky & Co., 477 Bubbling Well Road.

5. S.M. Hessin. — do
"Economy" Haberdashery Store, Avenue Joffre.

6. V.S. Tsepkin. — do
Kitchen Utensils & Crockery, 572 Avenue Joffre.

7. B.V. Hartvig. — Secretary.
Sub-Manager of the Thriftcor Bank, 605 Avenue Joffre.

About 70 local Russian business men attended the meeting which was held on June 15, 1932 and in the course of which it was decided to establish the Russian Merchants & Manufacturers

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Association. Of this number 60 persons became members of the Association. According to our information there has been a slight falling off in membership during the past six months. While the exact data regarding the number of Russian commerical enterprises in Shanghai are not available, it has been repeatedly stated in the local Russian newspapers that there are about 550 to 600 Russian enterprises in the International Settlement and the French Concession. Thus, even taking into consideration that many of these enterprises are Russian only by name, it would appear that the task of forming an authoritative body unifying the majority of local Russian merchants etc. and generally recognized as such, has yet to be accomplished.

However, even in its present state, and without its authority being generally and officially recognized, the Association may prove a useful source of information in all cases where information is sought regarding the soundness of a business or the reputation of a person in commercial circles.

The Russian Merchants & Manufacturers Association is a purely business organization and does not take any interest in politics. Among its members can be found Russian emigrants, as well as Soviet citizens and former Soviet employees. Russian emigrants, however, predominate. The Association has not, as a body, any contact with the local Soviet institutions but certain persons among its members are known to be in constant business relations with the local branch of the Centrosojus.

Nothing is known in this office to the detriment of either Mr. V.I. Korniloff, President of the Russian Merchants & Manufacturers Association or Mr. V. Beliakoff who is a paid employee of the above organization. G. Prokofiev

Officer i/c Special Branch. D. S.

CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

CONFIDENTIEEL

No. 214

SHANGHAI, 20th January 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that on the 20th of July 1932 this Consulate General received a letter from the Russian Merchants and Manufacturers Association whose temporary address was then at 405 Ave. Joffre, announcing the establishment of their organisation and sending me at the same time the regulations of the Association.

A letter from this Consulate General, sent a few days after, and asking for further particulars was never answered.

(1) F.O. 9186 (1)
(2) No record

I now hear that Messrs. B. Korniloff (1) and V. Beliakoff (2), resp. president and secretary of the Association, whose address at present appears to be at 779 Ave. Joffre, have approached the local Netherlands' Chamber of Commerce, requesting it to bring them into touch with Netherlands firms.

I would be much obliged to you, if you would inform me as to whether you have any information about the above organisation especially whether it is connected with local Soviet institutions, and if not, whether anything is known from a police point of view against the president and the secretary.

Any information you might be able to give me would be highly appreciated.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Chinese Secretary.

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[illegible] Inspector 1/C Special Branch,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

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